

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS/Violent & Aggressive Programming

**SUBJECT:** Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995 . . . S. 652. Simon/Dole amendment No. 1349.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 100-0

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 652, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995, will amend telecommunications laws and reduce regulations in order to promote competition in the telecommunications industry by eliminating barriers that prevent telephone companies, cable companies, and broadcasters from entering one another's markets. It will also permit electric utilities to enter the cable and telephone markets. Judicial control of telecommunications policy, including the "Modified Final Judgment" regime, will be terminated.

**The Simon/Dole amendment** would express the sense of the Senate that "the entertainment industry should do everything possible to limit the amount of violent and aggressive programming, particularly during the hours when children are most likely to be watching."

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

Children are undeniably harmed by the obscene levels of violent programming to which they are subjected by the entertainment industry. The entertainment industry should do everything possible to limit this harm by limiting children's access to violent programming. The Simon amendment puts the Senate on record as supporting this principle, so we are pleased to vote for its adoption.

**While favoring the amendment,** some Senators expressed the following reservations:

The Simon/Dole amendment would not guarantee anything. Broadcasters could still produce whatever they want, and children

(See other side)

YEAS (100)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republican (54 or 100%)		Democrats (46 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Inouye				
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Baucus	Johnston				
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Kennedy				
Bond	Kassebaum	Bingaman	Kerrey				
Brown	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kerry				
Burns	Kyl	Bradley	Kohl				
Campbell	Lott	Breaux	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lugar	Bryan	Leahy				
Coats	Mack	Bumpers	Levin				
Cochran	McCain	Byrd	Lieberman				
Cohen	McConnell	Conrad	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Murkowski	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Nickles	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Packwood	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Pressler	Exon	Nunn				
Dole	Roth	Feingold	Pell				
Domenici	Santorum	Feinstein	Pryor				
Faircloth	Shelby	Ford	Reid				
Frist	Simpson	Glenn	Robb				
Gorton	Smith	Graham	Rockefeller				
Gramm	Snowe	Harkin	Sarbanes				
Grams	Specter	Heflin	Simon				
Grassley	Stevens	Hollings	Wellstone				
Gregg	Thomas						
Hatch	Thompson						
Hatfield	Thurmond						
Helms	Warner						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business  
2—Necessarily Absent  
3—Illness  
4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea  
AN—Announced Nay  
PY—Paired Yea  
PN—Paired Nay

could watch it when their parents were not around. No rating system would be established, and no system would be established which would make it possible for parents to block objectionable programming. The amendment makes a fine statement, but the Senate has already agreed to the substantive amendment (see vote No. 256).

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**